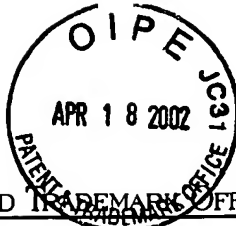




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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

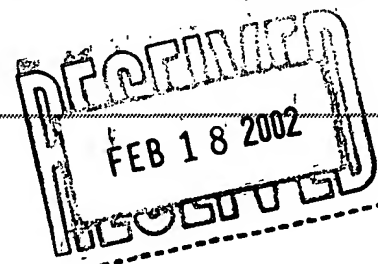
- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application dated February 11, 2002 (a copy thereof is attached hereto), Applicants submit the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed and dated by Applicants for the above-captioned application.

The Notice also stated that the above-captioned application was filed without drawings. Applicants enclose herewith a Preliminary Amendment amending the specification to include the drawings referenced in the specification. The drawings are taken from the parent application, USSN 09/620,494, which was incorporated by reference into the above-captioned application.

The Notice also stated that an abstract had not been provided. The Preliminary Amendment enclosed herewith also amends the specification to include an abstract.

Please charge the required fee, estimated to be \$130.00, to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1701. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

1. Response to Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application (in duplicate)
2. Copy of Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application
3. Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
4. Preliminary Amendment
5. Drawings

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